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SUBJECT: VEN FUEL TAX STATUS - US CUSTOMS REQUEST

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1. EMBASSY OFFICER DELIVERED NOTE ON VEN FUEL CASE TO FOREIGN MINISTRY ECONOMIC COUNSELOR GERARDO WILLS ON AUG 5. EMBASSY OFFICER EMPHASIZED IMPORTANCE OF INVESTIGATION AND NEED FOR EARLY RESPONSE FROM VENEZUELAN AUTHORITIES.

2. WILLS SAID HE WAS WELL ACQUAINTED WITH THE VEN FUEL CASE. BEFORE ARRIVING IN CARACAS RECENTLY TO TAKE UP HIS CURRENT ASSIGNMENT, HE WAS STATIONED IN WASHINGTON ON THE STAFF OF THE INTER-AMERICAN DEVELOPMENT BANK AND HAD SEEN REFERENCES TO THE VEN FUEL CASE IN THE US PRESS. WILLS SAID HE WOULD BRING THE MATTER TO THE ATTENTION OF THE ACTING FOREIGN MINISTER IMMEDIATELY. IT WAS HIS IMPRESSION THAT THE MATTER WAS SUFFICIENTLY IMPORTANT AND SUFFICIENTLY DELICATE TO BE BROUGHT TO THE ATTENTION OF PRESIDENT PEREZ AT A CABINET MEETING. WILLS INDICATED THAT THIS WOULD PROBABLY BE DONE BY FOREIGN MINISTER ESCOVAR SALOM WHEN HE RETURNS FROM HIS CURRENT VISIT TO BOLIVIA.
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